

League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County Observer Corps

Name of Agency: Sumner City Council Date: 11/5.18
Observer Reporting: Renee Rich Length of Meeting: 6:pm-9:00pm
Members Present/Absent: Mayor Bill Pugh, Barbara Bitetto, Melony Pederson, Cindi Hoschstatter, Earle Stuart, Patrick Reed, Kathy Hagen, Curt Brown
Others Present (i.e., media, public): a good public crowd

Content (What is being discussed):

Highlights of the Sumner Council meeting:

- Public Hearing on Town Center Plan- Mr. Mendenhall, Town Planner, gave an extensive history of the planning of the Town Center Plan for Sumner which initially was adopted in 2005, but was not carried out. Over the past several years the planning committee has developed a new plan and held several open houses to gather community input and support. It dealt with housing density, traffic patterns, increased population and other consideration in developing a Town Center.

At this point in the meeting comments were presented by 7 community members. Some of the comments included: concerns of limitation on housing size for future improvement; increased density effect on neighborhoods; concerns about design limitations and increased building heights in neighborhoods. The last of the seven spoke of having had communication breakdowns with the Council. Mayor Pugh gave his assurances that, at an appropriate time, there would be follow-up on this citizen's experience. The hearing closed at 7:40pm.

Unfinished Business

- 18-182-Resolution No. 1510-Property tax Levy for 2019- staff recommends a 1% increase in property tax collections plus the value of new construction and improvements, the levy rate being \$1.2310. After some discussion, the Council passed the resolution with the exception of Mr. Reed.

New Business

- 18-183 Ordinance No 2662 Four-Hour Truck Parking Code Amendment- Ryan Windish, Community Development Director, proposed that due to the complaints of citizens about garbage left around semi-trucks and noise that the time of parking at a specific place would be limited to 4 hours. Since there is a law for long-haul, semi-truck drivers to park their semis for a consecutive 8-hour chunk of time to rest, the 4-hour limit would prevent truckers from parking overnight, eliminating both noise and trash. The ordinance was unanimously passed.
- 18-184 Resolution No 1511-Alley Vacation Sunset Chevrolet - This concerns vacating a present alley in order to expand the Sunset Chevrolet parking lot. This resolution sets up a public hearing on the matter and the selling price for this alley. This resolution passed unanimously.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 7:15 and ended at 7:45 PM.
- 18-185 Purchase and Sale Agreement - Approximately 71 Acres of Property at the former SumnerMeadows Golf Course. The sale of the Sumner Meadows Golf Course by the City of Sumner (called The Second Amendment and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement) began in 2013. The City of Sumner and the buyer of the property came to an agreement that sale price of the property would be \$ 40,449,380. The total square footage for sale was decreased from

154 acres to 71 acres, and the price per square foot increased from \$7 to \$13 per square foot. The contract term is 2 years with 3 optional 6 month extensions that can be exercised by the buyer. Payment of the loan will be made at Closing. If and when each Option is extended will be the time of Closing. Discussion ensued. The Mayor is authorized to continue negotiations with the buyer on the Second Amendment and restated Purchase and Sale Agreement. Passed by Voice Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

No future public meetings of interest to the League were apparent.

On the website, it lists a statement that people with handicaps can call the office and support will be provided as well as a notice on the door. Example-hearing devices were available. Easy Access for wheel chairs. Council members were courteous to both the public and each other.